

Atty Docket No. SCHW-600 [00/003]

DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name,

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR OPTIMIZING A PORTFOLIO

the specification of which (check one) X is attached hereto or ___ was filed on ___ as Application No. ___ and was amended on ___ (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose all information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR § 1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or § 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or § 365(a) of any PCT International application which designated at least one country other than the United States, listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

| Prior Foreign Application(s) | Priority Claimed | |
|------------------------------|------------------|----------------------|
| | Yes | No |
| Number | Country | Day/Month/Year Filed |
| Number | Country | Day/Month/Year Filed |

I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) below.

60/186,518 March 2, 2000
Application Number Filing Date

Application Number Filing Date

I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 120 of any United States application(s), or § 365(c) of any PCT International application designating the United States, listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose all information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR § 1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

| | | |
|--------------------|-------------|--------------------------------------|
| Application Number | Filing Date | Status: Patented, Pending, Abandoned |
| Application Number | Filing Date | Status: Patented, Pending, Abandoned |

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment or both, under 18 U.S.C. § 1001 and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Full name of sole or first inventor James Peterson

Inventor's signature

9/5/2000

Date

Residence 2571 Chinook Court, Walnut Creek, California

Citizenship U.S.A.

Post Office Address 2571 Chinook Court, Walnut Creek, California

Full name of second joint inventor, if any, Christopher Kleinbauer

Inventor's signature

9/5/2000

Date

Residence 1108 Mandana Blvd., Oakland, California 94610

Citizenship U.S.A.

Post Office Address 1108 Mandana Blvd., Oakland, California 94610

Full name of third joint inventor, if any, Paul-Charles A. Pietranico

Inventor's signature

9/5/2000

Date

Residence 1600 Clement Street, #304, San Francisco, California 94121

Citizenship U.S.A.

Post Office Address 1600 Clement Street, #304, San Francisco, California 94121

Full name of fourth joint inventor, if any, Bill D. McDonald

Inventor's signature

Date

9/5/2000

Residence 3540 South Silver Springs Road, Lafayette, CA 94549

Citizenship U.S.A.

Post Office Address 3540 South Silver Springs Road, Lafayette, CA 94549